(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Approximately 170 kms.

(e) & (f) Four pairs of express trains via Jabalpur that run from Southern States to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar are as follows:

(i) 6039/6040 Madras-Varanasi Ganga Cauvery Express (bi-weekly)

(ii) 6043/6044 Madras-Patna Express (weekly)

(iii) 7489/7490 Cochin/Tirupati-Varanasi Express (weekly)

(iv) 7491/7492 Tirupati-Varanasi Express (bi-weekly)

Statistics on earning of revenue of train-wise or route-wise is not maintained.

Setting up of stainless steel hot rolling stackle mill

842. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited propose to set up a Stainless Steel hot rolling stackle mill for the manufacture of Stainless Steel in the country;

(b) whether the imports of Stainless Steel are rising day by day;

(c) whether SAIL had earlier identified the cost and availability of the plant in different countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and details of the plants being manufactured in each of the European countries and Japan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of production and imports by Salem Steel Plant are given below:

Year	Production of cold rolled stainless steel (Tonnes)	Import of Hot Rolled Stainless Steel Coils used as raw material	
		Directly imported (tonnes)	Indian slabs converted abroad and imported as Hot Rolled Stainless Steel Coils (Tonnes)
1988-89	34,328	37,600	302
1989-90	31,259	27,415	5,653
1990-91	41,103	32,846	19,363
1991-92 (Plan) . .	60,000	30,250	37,050

(c) and (d) While formulating the scheme, SAIL and its consultants, with a view to acquainting themselves with all the technological aspects of stainless steel rolling and obtainable product quality, held discussions with some of the leading stainless steel manufactures equipment builders. Based on inforfation so gathered, SAIL concluded that world over double stand rolling mills are used for manufacturing limited quantities of hot rolled stainless steel; that it would be difficult to obtain process know-how for single stand mills; that it would be difficult to produce thinner hot rolled coils in single stand mills; and that in European countries and also in Japan, conventional hot strip mills and stackle mills are being manufactured for hot rolling of stainless steel, etc. SAIL had also obtained budgetary quotations for the mill proposed for installation, from some of the leading manufacturers.